



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

9:30 AM

22. Proclaiming “Native American Heritage Month” and Adopting the Countywide Land Acknowledgment

Revised recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Solis and Hahn: Proclaim November 2022 as “Native American Heritage Month” throughout Los Angeles County and encourage County Departments and residents to participate in Native American Heritage Month programming; acknowledge and celebrate the 2022 Native American Heritage Month Honorees - Phoenix Family (Tohono O'odham) - Spirit of Tradition, cast and crew of Reservation Dogs - Spirit of Creativity, and Dr. Carrie Johnson (Wahpeton Dakota) - Spirit of Community; adopt the following language to be used as a formal Land Acknowledgment for the County; effective on December 1, 2022, open all Board meetings with the following Land Acknowledgment, to be verbally announced and displayed visually:

“The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants -- past, present, and emerging -- as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the: Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council, Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation,

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, San Fernando Band of Mission Indians. To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at www.lanaic.lacounty.gov"; and

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to find \$150,000 in one-time funding to continue the Land Acknowledgment work as designed in the Cultural Policy so as not to cause additional harm through delays of implementation; and instruct the Director of Arts and Culture to work with the Executive Director of the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission to develop a toolkit and training resources that establish standards and protocols for County Departments and agencies to implement the Countywide Land Acknowledgment and when and how to engage with local tribal governments, the toolkit and resources should also be shared with other County municipalities, cultural institutions, and arts and culture organizations. (22-4006)

Joseph Quintana, Cordelia Istel, Cheri Thomas and Tencha Espino addressed the Board. Interested person(s) also submitted written testimony.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Solis, seconded by Supervisor Hahn, this item was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Solis, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Hahn, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Mitchell

Attachments: [Motion by Supervisor Solis](#)
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The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held November 1, 2022, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Celia Zavala, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors